

## House Resolution 1656

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring the life of Ezekiel Roy Lambert; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ezekiel Roy Lambert was born on June 18, 1925, and lived in the house on  
3 North Main Street in Madison where he was born; and
- 4 WHEREAS, with the exception of his service in the United States Navy, serving during  
5 World War II from 1942 through 1946, and while he was getting a college education, his life  
6 was centered in Madison and Morgan County; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Georgia, where he earned both a business degree  
8 in 1947 and a law degree in 1950, and a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and  
9 Phi Delta Theta Social Fraternity, Lambert passed the bar exam in 1950 and established a law  
10 practice in Madison; and
- 11 WHEREAS, soon after beginning his practice, a young lady in Atlanta, Christine Davis,  
12 entered the picture, and they married in May, 1954; Mr. and Mrs. Lambert celebrated their  
13 50th wedding anniversary in 2004, and along the way, they were blessed with three children:  
14 Leigh Goff, Anne Trulock, and Ezekiel Roy “Zeke” Lambert, III; and
- 15 WHEREAS, although Mr. Lambert's father passed away when he was a small boy, he had  
16 heard about his father in the Georgia General Assembly, and when Senator C. R. Mason  
17 decided not to run for reelection, Mr. Lambert decided to run for state senator and won a  
18 close race; Mr. Lambert served from 1955 through 1956 and again in 1961 through 1962,  
19 after which he campaigned for and won a seat in the GeorgiaHouse of Representatives and  
20 held his seat until retiring from active politics in 1985; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Mr. Lambert earned prestigious appointments during his political career such  
22 as chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, chairman of the powerful House Rules

1 Committee and the House Committee on Industry, and eight years as the Governor's Floor  
2 Leader; and

3 WHEREAS, upon retiring from politics in 1985, he became president of the Bank of  
4 Madison, where he served for many years, most recently as vice-chairman of the bank's  
5 Board of Directors, and

6 WHEREAS, he also managed to maintain a very successful law practice, being a senior  
7 partner of Lambert, Reitman, and Abney, LLC, the firm he started in September, 1950; and

8 WHEREAS, while reflecting on his days in public life, Mr. Lambert said he was fondest of  
9 the many initiatives and legislation that helped to bring industry and jobs to Georgia, and his  
10 efforts did not stop there; as a private citizen, Mr. Lambert left a mark in Morgan County  
11 economic development by helping recruit major companies to the area; and

12 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that we honor the exemplary career and life of an  
13 outstanding Georgian.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body recognize and honor the life of Ezekiel Roy Lambert and extend  
16 their deepest sympathies to his colleagues, friends, and family.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ezekiel Roy  
19 Lambert.